

TO: City Council
FROM: Don Carney, Capital Projects Manager
DATE: November 19, 2024
SUBJECT: Old Hwy 99 & 79th Ave Roundabout Schedule 74 Underground Conversion Design Agreement with Puget Sound Energy

1) Recommended Action:

Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Schedule 74 Underground Conversion Design Agreement to design the utility underground conversion for the Old Hwy 99 and 79th Ave Roundabout Project. This agreement was recommended for approval on the Council consent agenda at the November 7, 2024 Public Works Committee meeting.

2) Background:

In 2023, the City signed a Service Provider Agreement with HDR Engineering to provide the design of a roundabout at the intersection of Hwy 99 and 79th Ave SE and frontage improvements along city-owned parcels at the intersection of 79th Ave SE and Trails End Drive SE. The roundabout and frontage improvements work includes placing all overhead utilities underground within the project limits.

The City had determined that road improvement projects would include conversions of all utilities from overhead to underground where feasible. Under Schedule 74 rules a government entity can elect to put overhead electrical facilities underground and PSE will share the cost in design for the underground conversion. The cost of design is shared 60% PSE and 40% City.

By approving the Schedule 74 Underground Conversion Project Design Agreement, Puget Sound Energy will begin design for the underground conversion along with these improvements. The Schedule 74 Design Agreement outlines the conditions and terms of the agreement. These documents are required by PSE to begin their design.

3) Policy Support:

Create and Maintain a Transportation System Safe for All Modes of Travel

- Continue to improve maintenance and interconnectivity of a bicycle and pedestrian system.
 - Continue improving the maintenance of the transportation system.
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4) Alternatives:

Deny the agreement and retain utilities overhead.

5) Fiscal Notes:

The funds to complete the Schedule 74 Project Design Agreement will come from the Transportation CFP. The City will pay 40% of the costs, and PSE will pay 60% of the costs.

6) Attachments:

- A. Schedule 74 Underground Conversion, Project Design Agreement
- B. Project Overview